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REMARKS

A Notice of Allowability and a Notice of Allowance was issued on April 20, 2004 in connection with the subject application. The April 20, 2004 Notice of Allowability indicates that the allowed claims are claims 128-144 and 161 and that these claims have been renumbered as claims 1-17 for issue. However, applicants understand that this is a clerical error, and that the Notice of Allowability should indicate that claims 128-138, 140-144 and 161 have been allowed and will issue as claims 1-17.

Applicants hereinabove have amended claims 128-138 and 141 and canceled claim 140. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, applicants maintain that amended claims 128-138, 141-144 and 161 will be pending and should be allowed.

Applicants maintain that the amendments to claims 128-138 and 141 do not raise any issue of new matter, and that claims 128-138 and 141, as amended, are fully supported by the specification as originally filed.

Applicants submit this Amendment to amend claims 128-138 and 141 to recite the term "monoclonal" in allowed multiply dependent claim 140 which is being canceled concurrently.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition To Withdraw From Issue At The Initiative Of The Applicant Under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(a) in order to have the subject application withdrawn from issue in order that a Supplemental Information Disclosure

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Statement disclosing four references be considered. A copy of this Petition is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**.

A copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted as **EXHIBIT C** with the Petition is also enclosed. In the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the following four references which were cited in a March 2, 2004 Official Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office in corresponding Japanese Application No. 511426/94, a copy of which is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 5** to the Supplement Information Disclosure Statement:

1. Slusher, B.S., Robinson, M.B., Tsai, G., Simmons, M.L., Richards, S.S., and Coyle, J.T., "Rat Brain N-Acetylated α -Linked Acidic Dipeptidase Activity", The Journal of Biological Chemistry, 265(34):21297-21301 (December 5, 1990) (attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 1** to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement);
2. Carter, R.E., Feldman, A.R., and Coyle, J.T., "Prostate-specific membrane antigen is a hydrolase with substrate and pharmacologic characteristics of a neuropeptidase", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 93:749-753 (January 1986) (attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 2** to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement);
3. Halsted, C.H., Ling, E., Luthi-Carter, R., Villanueva, J.A., Gardner, J.M., and Coyle, J.T., "Polypoly- γ -glutamate Carboxylpeptidase from Pig Jejunum", The Journal Of Biological Chemistry, 273(32):20417-20424

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(August 7, 1998) (attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 3** to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement); and

4. Wang, T.T.Y., Chandler, C.J., and Halsted, C.H., "Intracellular Pteroylpolyglutamate Hydrolase from Human Jejunal Mucosa", The Journal Of Biological Chemistry, 261(29):13551-13555 (October 15, 1986) (attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 4** to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement).

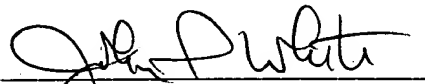
Applicants maintain that the amendments to the claims require no substantial amount of work on the part of the Patent Office, and merely incorporate the term "monoclonal" recited in already allowed claim 140.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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